

May 10, 2022

Marjorie Hall
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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request No. EPA-2022-003544 Final Response

Dear Ms. Hall:

This letter concerns FOIA request EPA-2022-003544, received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) on April 6, 2022. In this FOIA you requested the 3M Company signed a consent decree under docket TSCA-HQ-2006-5004 and the specific documents 3M was fined for not disclosing fluorocarbons information (i.e., counts 11 - 244 in the consent order).

Disposition

The Agency has concluded its search for records responsive to your request and is providing the requested records with redactions. This response includes the CAFO and the letters submitted by 3M, a portion of which includes record that are partially redacted due to a confidentiality claim.

Description of Records

The attached CAFO references the following letters that 3M submitted to EPA that provided information on the TSCA 8e studies/reports that 3M redesignated as TSCA 8(e) and were the subject to fines in this settlement.

3M letter to OPPT dated August 21, 2000 requesting that EPA redesignate 31 studies as TSCA 8e.

3M letter to OPPT dated June 13, 2001, requesting EPA redesignate 3 studies as TSCA 8e.

3M letter to OPPT dated May 23, 2003, requesting EPA redesignate 26 studies as TSCA 8e.

3M letters to OPPT dated September 24, 2003 ("2004"), October 26, 2004 and November 16, 2005 requesting EPA redesignate 174 studies as TSCA 8e.

Cost Information

There is no cost to you because the stated purpose of this FOIA request is for educational purposes.

Final Appeal Rights and Contact Information

This letter concludes our response to your request. You may appeal this determination by email at hq.foia@epa.gov, or by mail to the EPA's National FOIA Office, U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (2310A), Washington, DC 20460 or through FOIAonline if you are an account holder. If you are submitting your appeal by hand delivery, courier service, or overnight delivery, you must address your correspondence to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., WJC-N Building, Room 7309C, Washington, DC 20460.

Your appeal must be in writing, and it must be received no later than 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Agency will not consider appeals received after the 90-calendar-day limit. Appeals received after 5:00 p.m. EST will be considered received the next business day. The appeal letter should include the FOIA tracking number listed above. For quickest possible handling, the subject line of your email, the appeal letter, and its envelope, if applicable, should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

If you need any further assistance or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, you may seek assistance from EPA's FOIA Public Liaison at hq.foia@epa.gov or call (202) 566-1667. You may also seek assistance from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways: by mail, Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001; email: ogis@nara.gov; telephone: (202) 741-5770 or (877) 684-6448; or fax: (202) 741-5769. For all media inquiries, please contact press@epa.gov.

If you have any questions concerning this response, please contact Dean Ziegel of my staff at Ziegel.dean@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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